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In re Application of  
Akio Okamiya, et al.  
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For: OIL REPELLING AGENT

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PETITION UNDER  
MPEP 708.02 VIII

This is in response to the petition filed October 27, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under section 708.02 VIII of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(d). The fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

The criteria set forth in section 708.02 VIII (C) of the MPEP has not been met. Specifically, applicant has not performed a search directed to the invention as claimed in the application for which special status is requested. A database search is not commensurate in scope with the claims. Searches made to the following classes would satisfy the search requirement: 428, subclass 421 and 422; as well as class 524, subclasses 544; 545; and 546.

The application remains in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. Applicant is given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Technology Center (TC) Special Program Examiner.

Accordingly the petition is **DENIED**.

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